

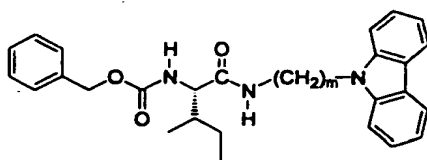
1 WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

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3 1. A gelling agent composed of an isoleucine  
4 derivative having a carbazolyl group.

1 2. The gelling agent according to claim 1,  
2 which is composed of an isoleucine derivative having a  
3 carbazolyl group and represented by the following  
4 general formula (1):

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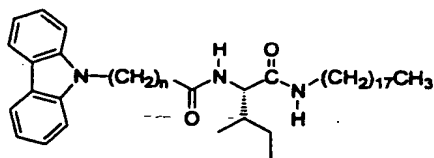


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7 wherein m is an integer of at least 6.

1 3. The gelling agent according to claim 1,  
2 which is composed of an isoleucine derivative having a  
3 carbazolyl group and represented by the following  
4 general formula (2):

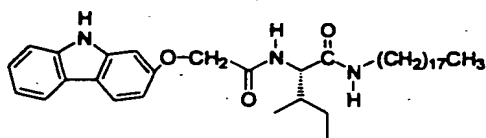
5 General formula (2):



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7 wherein n is an integer of at least 1.

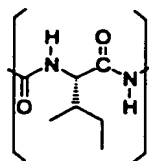
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 2 which is composed of an isoleucine derivative having a  
 3 carbazolyl group and represented by the following  
 4 formula (1):  
 5 Formula (1):



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1 5. A method for producing a gelling agent,  
 2 which comprises reacting an isoleucine derivative  
 3 having a skeleton represented by the following formula  
 4 (2) with a compound having a carbazolyl group in the  
 5 presence of dichloromethane and 1-ethyl-3-(3-  
 6 dimethylaminopropyl)-carbodiimide hydrochloride to  
 7 obtain an isoleucine derivative having a carbazolyl  
 8 group.

9 Formula (2):



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